GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1849
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UNIFORM CIVIL CODE
Adityanath Yogi Shri

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Government to formulate a law for Uniform Civil Code for unity and integrity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court of India in its judgment delivered on the 21st July, 2003 in the matter of John Vallamattom Vs. Union of India and Anr.[2003(5) SCALE 384] has made certain observations in respect of enactment of Uniform Civil Code.

(c) Bringing in a Uniform Civil Code involves changes in the Personal Laws including those of the minority communities. It has been the consistent policy of the Central Government not to interfere in the Personal Laws of the minority communities unless the necessary initiatives for such changes come from a sizeable cross-section of such communities themselves.